IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Roald T. Lokken, et al. § Examiner: Tara L. Mayo

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Heave Floating Structure

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 8, 2008

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application in light of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.